

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Amendment**

**In the Claims**

1-18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A method for screening for compounds having an effect on reproduction or reproductive steroidogenesis comprising administering a compound to a female rodent which is deficient in active SR-BI and determining the effect on the reproduction or reproductive steroidogenesis of the rodent relative to control rodents not treated with compound.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent does not express SR-BI.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent does not express active SR-BI.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is a mouse.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is selected from the group consisting of a mouse, rat, hamster and gerbil.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is treated with a compound which lowers the level of SR-BI.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is screened for alterations in levels of cholesterol or lipoproteins.

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26. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is screened for alterations in reproductive steroids.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is screened for pregnancy.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the rodent is screened for contraception.

29. (canceled)